

FISHING BOULDER MOUNTAIN

A Utah Blue Ribbon fishing destination



UTAH'S BLUE RIBBON FISHERIES



Blue Ribbon waters, like those on Boulder Mountain, provide Utah's 400,000-plus anglers with quality fishing experiences in exquisite settings. These environmentally productive waters sustain healthy fish populations, preserve a wonderful part of fishing culture and provide an economic boost to local communities.

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INTRODUCTION

BOULDER MOUNTAIN has long been known for trophy brook trout. However, the trophy-sized brook trout that anglers have come to expect from Boulder Mountain lakes have declined.

In 2014 a public committee made up of anglers, local residents and agency representatives assisted the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in the development of a management plan to deal with these issues. A total of 82 lakes, ponds and reservoirs were discussed by the committee. Management recommendations were made for each water body.

This booklet provides a brief overview of management goals set forth by the committee in an attempt to improve and maintain not only brook trout fishing, but the quality, diversity and uniqueness of the fisheries on Boulder Mountain.

The Public Involvement Committee recognized the uniqueness of fisheries on Boulder Mountain. The committee focused its attention on improving the quality and diversity of opportunities available to anglers.

Committee members recognized the history and long-standing tradition of trophy brook trout fishing on the mountain, then made recommendations to improve many of those opportunities.

Based on this plan, 35 percent of the lakes on Boulder Mountain are managed for trophy brook trout, and 83 percent have a trophy fish component in the fishery.



RAFT LAKE ▲

The Sport Fish Management Plan for Boulder Mountain is designed to maintain and, when needed, improve the quality, diversity and uniqueness of Boulder Mountain lakes.

A GUIDE TO WATERS ON BOULDER MOUNTAIN

DESPITE YEARLY fluctuations in conditions on Boulder Mountain, the Division of Wildlife Resources consistently strives to achieve the management objectives listed in this booklet.

Before you fish Boulder Mountain be sure to check the current *Utah Fishing GuideBook* for the latest information on fish possession limits, seasons, fishing methods and the use of boats. You can find it online at wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks.

Please check with the Dixie National Forest for motorized vehicle access and camping restrictions.





SPORT FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN GOALS

Boulder Mountain Lakes are managed under one of four categories. Multiple species in a lake are sometimes managed under separate categories.

- **TROPHY** — Characterized by very large fish present in relatively low numbers
- **QUALITY** — Characterized by a high number of moderately large fish
- **OPPORTUNITY** — Characterized by a very high number of small fish
- **CONSERVATION** — Characterized by the presence of native cutthroat trout
- **EVALUATION** — Not enough current information to assign a goal

The maximum potential size of fish is determined by genetics, but growth and actual size have more to do with the environment in which the fish live.

Brook trout, for example are one of the smallest trout species. In a crowded environment with too much competition for food, their maximum size might be only a quarter of a pound. On Boulder Mountain, with the right management, brook trout can grow to about six pounds.

To reach this size, fish populations must be smaller. Fewer fish gives each fish a larger share of the available food. By carefully managing and adjusting the numbers of fish in a lake we can effectively manage the lake to achieve specific fish sizes.

NORTH CREEK LAKES

Barker Reservoir	● Brook trout	● Rainbow trout
Lower Barker Reservoir	● ● Tiger trout	● ● Splake
Long Willow Bottom Reservoir	● ● Colorado River cutthroat	● Tiger trout
Round Willow Bottom Reservoir	● ● Colorado River cutthroat	● Tiger trout
Dougherty Basin Lake	● Colorado River cutthroat	
Johnny Lake	● Colorado River cutthroat	
Tall Four Reservoir	● Colorado River cutthroat	
Flat Lake	● Brook trout	
Joe Lay Reservoir	● Brook trout	
Yellow Lake	● Tiger trout	● Brook trout
Blue Lake NCL	● ● Colorado River cutthroat	● Tiger trout
North Creek Reservoir	● Colorado River cutthroat	
Unnamed pond below Tall Four	● Brook trout	

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NORTH SLOPE LAKES

Blind Lake

● Splake

● Brook trout

● Grayling

● Rainbow trout

● Colorado River cutthroat

Fish Creek Lake

● Splake

● Tiger trout

● Colorado River cutthroat

Honeymoon Lake

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout

Beaver Dam Reservoir

● Brook trout

Green Lakes NBS

● Brook trout

● Grayling

Pear Lake

● Brook trout

● Grayling

Coleman Reservoir

● Brook trout

● Rainbow trout

Solitaire Lake

● ● Colorado River cutthroat

● Tiger trout

Bulberry Lake #1 (South)

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout

Bulberry Lake #2 (Moss)

● Tiger trout

Bulberry Lake #3 (Clear)

● Tiger trout

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NORTH SLOPE LAKES

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Bulberry Lake #4 (North)	● Tiger trout	
Heart Lake North	● Tiger trout	● Brook trout
Heart Lake South	● Tiger trout	
Bob's Hole	● Tiger trout	● ● Brook trout
Donkey Pond	● Brook trout	
Left Hand Reservoir	● ● Brook trout	
Lost Lake	● ● Brook trout	
Donkey Lake	● ● Brook trout	
Lava Lake	● Brook trout	
Round Lake	● Brook trout	



SOUTH SLOPE LAKES

Posey Lake	● Tiger trout	● Rainbow trout
	● Brook trout	● Splake
Tule Lake	● Brook trout	
McGath Lake	● Brook trout	
Garkane Main Impoundment	● Rainbow trout	
Garkane East (<i>King's Pasture</i>)	● Colorado River cutthroat	● Tiger trout
Short Lake	● ● Colorado River cutthroat	
Garkane West Impoundment	● Colorado River cutthroat	
Grass Lake	● ● Colorado River cutthroat	● ● Brook trout
Green Lake SB	● Colorado River cutthroat	● Tiger trout
Deer Creek Lake	● ● Colorado River cutthroat	● Tiger trout
	● Brook trout	
Chriss Lake	● Brook trout	
Moosman Lake	● Colorado River cutthroat	● Tiger trout
	● Brook trout	

EAST SLOPE

Lower Bowns Reservoir

● Tiger trout

● Rainbow trout

Scout Lake

● Brook trout

Oak Creek Reservoir

● Tiger trout

● Brook trout

WEST SLOPE

Cook Lake

● Tiger trout

● Rainbow trout

● Brook trout

Miller Lake

● Tiger trout

● Rainbow trout

Pine Creek Reservoir

● Colorado River cutthroat

Pine Creek Lower Pond

● Colorado River cutthroat

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BOULDER TOP

Chuck Lake	● Brook trout	
Crescent Lake	● Colorado River cutthroat	● Tiger trout
Bess Lake	● Brook trout	● Grayling
Big Lake	● Brook trout	● Grayling
Crater Lake	● Brook trout	● Grayling
Dead Lake	● Brook trout	● Grayling
Pleasant Lake	● Brook trout	● Grayling
Raft Lake	● Brook trout	● Grayling
Circle Lake	● Grayling	
Dead Horse Lake	● Brook trout	● Grayling
Cub Lake	● Brook trout	
East Lake	● Brook trout	
Halfmoon Lake	● Brook trout	

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Horseshoe Lake

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout

Ledge Lake

● Brook trout

Ridge Lake

● Brook trout

Rim Lake

● Brook trout

● Grayling

Spectacle Lake

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout

Surveyor Lake

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout



ROW LAKE ▲ BROOK TROUT ►



ESCALANTE MOUNTAIN

Antimony Lake	● Brook trout	● Rainbow trout
Little Antimony Lake	● Tiger trout	
Otter Lake	● Brook trout	● Grayling
Pacer Lake	● Tiger trout	● Brook trout
Rob's Reservoir	● Bonneville cutthroat	

GRIFFIN TOP

Row Lake #7 (<i>Banana</i>)	● Brook trout	● Grayling
	● Rainbow trout	
Row Lake #3	● Rainbow trout	● Tiger trout
Blue Lake GT	● Grayling	
Purple Lake	● Brook trout	
Row Lake #8	● Brook trout	● Grayling

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